when they retire; there is no such ceremony. And it is the privilege of this House alone, of Rajya Sabha alone, that retirement is really something which Wo celebrate. Yesterday when I saw that P. N. Sukulji had organised, I felt if this were continued, soiuu . of us would be tempted to retire voluntarily; so lie should not make it such a temptir.g and attractive te-liremeit procedure which it is. But, iiowever, i think we should continue the same thing, because, after 'Wo years, those of us who are standing iiere bidding farewell, we will tiien be at the receiving e.id of the farewell. I think, therefore, it is a good practice and it must continue.

But there ii one thing in political life. Why is th.e word 'retire' used in political life? Napoleon in his dictionary had no word as 'defeat'. Bat we do have the word 'dcleal' in our dictionary in politics, in political life. But to bsconie 'tired' is not there in our dictionary. So what it means is be retired and then after you are retired, you start again working. That is the challenge that we have.

One other beauty of this House is every two years one-third of the Members retire and fresh Ijlood comes into the House I think it is a very sound practice. T come from a village and there when a farmer buys a new bullock, he puts it with the old bullock. And th"^" he trains it to plough the field. This ig very sound common-sense. When new Members come—I am also a new Member because I am in the first round here—they, along with the old veterans here, learn. What I mean to say is that We learn, we • imbibe, we absorb and then mature and are perhaps able to contribute.

Sir, a point was raided; I will i,ay, a 'point of order' was raised. 1 am reminded of a story. I had gone to Moscow. There, about the Finance Minister ivho had retired there, a story was told. Mr. Gorbachev told that there was a very good Finance Minister and when he retired from office, he was quite old and he would *do'-t* 184 RS—9

and, aftcr^ dozing, he would wake u^i and say^ "There is no money."! sir wliat may be true of the Finance Minister there may be true of some Members here who, when they wake up, may say, "Point of order', Sir.": But here. Sir, while the debates have gone on, I know that in the lobbies, in the Central Hall and elsewhere, we liave shared the probkms of the country as citizens, as people who are concerned with the prob'cms of the country as-such, and this friendship which we have shared is something that is of the greatc?.t value and that we shall always remem-ber and cherish and. Sir, beyond our life here, beyond our tenure here in Parliament, there is a much larger house, that is, the country and public life, *i* am sure. Sir. that those who are parting with us in Ihi^' House will rejoin us in this much iarger arena of public life and public service and I am sure many of them will achieve shining heights and most of them, I wish, come again. But v/hercvcr one lives or one stay."!, one leaves an air. Those who have been here are not here. Though t"hey are not here, they have left an atmosphere which We have inherited. Similarly, those friends who are retiring and are leaving also leavg with us an atmosphere which we shall imbibe and those who will come will inherit that and there would be our guiding light.

With these words. Sir, I express my best wishes to my friends who are retiring. Thank you. Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Now, papers to be laid on the Table.

PAPERS LAID ON THE FABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1984-85> of the Food Corporatbn of India New Delhi and related paper:!.

II. Report and Audited Accounts (1984-8.5) of the Export Inspection council and Export Ijwpec-tion Agenci"3. New Delhi and relaled papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1!)8-I K5) of the Overseas Construction Council of India, Bombay and related Papers

IV. Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the Indian Institute of Pack-again, Bombay and related Papers

V. Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (RAJYA SABHA) (SHRI SITARAM KESARI): Sir, on behalf of Shri p. Shiv Shan-ker, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub.section (2) of Bection 35 of the Food Corporations Act, 1964; —

(i) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Food Corporation of India, New Delhi, for the year 1984-85, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at 1(1) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2239/86 for d) and (2)].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers: —

(i) (a) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Export Inspection Council and Export Inspection Agencies, New Delhi, for the year 1984-85 (Volumes I and H).

(b) Review by Government on the working of the council and Agencies. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2240/86 for (a) and (b)].

I (ii) (a) *Annual Report* and Ac-I counts of the Overseas Construe, tion Council of India, Bombay, for the year 1984-86, together with Auditors' Report On the Accounts.

(b) Review *by* Government on ! the working of the Council.

I (c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2307/86 lor (a) to (e)]. \

(iii) (a) Nineteenth Annu.^l Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Packaging, Bombay, for the year 1984-85, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute. [Placed in Librar>'. *See* No. LT-2306/ 86 for (a) and (to)].

in. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce, under sub-i5ection (3) of section 17 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspec. tion) Act, 1963: —

(a) S.O. No. 781, dated the *1st* March, 1986, publishing the Export of Pesticides and t^neir Formulations (Inspection) Amendment Rules, 1986.

(b) S.O. No. 783, dated the 1st March, 1986, publishing the Export of Cashew Kernels (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1986. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2233/86 for (a) and (b)].

Apprenticeship Amendment Rules, 1986

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' SHRI SITARAM KESARI: Sir, on I behalf of Shri P. A. Sangma, I beg I to lay on the Table under sub-sec. tion (3) of section 37 of the Appren-I tice Act, 1961, a copy (in Eng-. lish and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour Notification G.S.R. No. 54, I dated the 18th January, 1986, publish-